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2. Workers' Party Volunteer Labor
3. Rice Tax and Food Prices in Sarande Komitet

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1. During October 1951, a Soviet delegation visited the collective farms at Lekove and Borce.¹ The delegation was accompanied by Aleko Cetri.²
2. Members of the Albanian Workers' Party and their families in the Sarande komitet have offered their services for "volunteer" projects (e.g., road repair and bridges). The Party is thereby attempting to set an example for non-Party members and to recruit more female labor on "volunteer" projects. [redacted] Albanian customs do not permit women to work outside the home.
3. The rice tax in the Sarande komitet was collected during the first week of October 1951. Although the amount of the tax was determined according to the fertility of the rice fields, it was levied before the rice crop was produced. A farmer producing 1800 okes of rice had only 150 okes left after he paid his tax. Many farmers were left with insufficient rice to meet the needs of their families. [redacted] no complaints, however, were voiced to the authorities.
4. The following food prices were offered on the open market in the Sarande komitet:

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One oke of wheat	130 leks
One kilo of cheese	200 leks
One kilo of meat	110 leks
One chicken	200 leks
One kilo of sugar	350 leks

These prices are approximately the same as those charged in the "special cooperatives" where ration coupons are not required.

1. [redacted] Comment: Possibly Lukove and Borsh in the Sarande area.
2. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the Sarande regional central committee of the Albanian Workers' Party.

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